



The Lincoln School

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Wednesday

March 4, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

It is always a sure sign that winter is drawing to a close when spring training begins yet again...Go Red Sox! One final reminder that this Wednesday, March 4th is the "Winchester Public Schools Shop at Wilson Farm Day". This is a fantastic and easy way for us to raise money for the Winchester Public Schools. Last year, Wilson Farms donated over \$7,000 to local public schools, so please grab the flyer that went home in the backpacks and head over to Lexington. You must present the flyer at checkout for us to receive the donation. A great big thank you to Margen Pine and Tina Snider for organizing the 5th grade skating party. A great time was had by all. Next week are the three early release days for parent teacher conferences. Thanks to the efforts of Betsy Walsh and Karina Nolasco, the 5th graders will once again be providing babysitting services during the conferences. Please help support our 5th grade class by using the babysitting service that is available on these days.

--Jenny Splaine and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 4th

Wilson Farms Fundraiser

Wed-Friday, March 11th, 12th, 13th

Early Release 11:30 for Parent/
Teacher conferences

5th Grade Babysitting

April 2nd – Mentor Night

5th GRADE BABYSITTING - Available during Parent Teacher Conferences

Once again the 5th graders (with adult supervision) will be offering babysitting services during the parent teacher conferences, from 11:45-3:00 pm on March 11, 12 and 13. A nominal fee is charged which helps to fund year end activities for the 5th graders. No advance sign up is necessary. If you are interested, please come to the Main Street lobby before your conference to register your children. Please contact Betsy Walsh at 781-729-6598 or

walshhome@mindspring.com if you have any questions.

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADERS (AND PARENTS!)

Don't forget to sign up to be a babysitter during conferences March 11-13. Please return your sign-up form to your classroom teacher or email a form to walshhome@mindspring.com by

Wednesday, March 4th. We also need many parent supervisors to make this a safe and successful fundraising project. Parents-please check the box on your child's form that indicates that you are able to help out. Thank you!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!

Shop at Wilson Farm in Lexington on March 4th! Wilson Farm will donate 20% of your purchase to the Winchester Public Schools. You must bring the attached flyer. For more information:

www.parenttoparentwinchester.org.



JUST 10 BOX TOPS PER STUDENT = OUR \$1,500 GOAL!

A mere 10 Box Tops brought in by each Lincoln student will help us reach our \$1,500 goal! It's likely you have 10 Box Tops in your pantry right now. Participating products include family staples such as General Mills cereals, Old El Paso salsa and taco shells, Nature Valley granola bars, Pillsbury products, Pop Secret popcorn, Ziploc Brand bags and Kleenex...just to name a few!!! Simply tear off the Box Tops and send them into the classroom to help us earn cash for our school. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES!

On Wednesday, March 18th the WHS Symphony & WHS Sinfonietta will present their annual Kids' Concert with an instrument petting zoo and maraca building workshop starting at 6:30pm in the WHS auditorium. This is an opportunity for elementary school students and their families to learn about the instruments and

music lessons offered at their school. The music starts at 7:00; all are welcome to enjoy Felix Mendelssohn's "Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Souvenir de Puerto Rico" by Louis Moreau Gottschalk and John Lennon's lullaby "Goodnight." The evening will end at about 7:45.

Lessons are offered for strings starting in grade 3; trumpet, trombone, horn, clarinet, flute, and sax in grade 4; and percussion in grade 5. The fee for lessons is \$350 per year. Signups occur every spring. Information will be available at the concert and will be distributed to students in their music classes in April.

On March 22, 2:00 PM, WHS Sinfonietta and Orchestra join forces for a program of Music of Immigrant Cultures at the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington. This performance is presented in conjunction with the photography exhibition "Augustus Frederick Sherman: Ellis Island Portraits, 1905-1920." This family program includes a variety of music, including Scottish, Polish, Chinese, and Klezmer. This free concert is made possible through the musicians' commitment to Service Learning and is one of several community performances this school year.

PARENTING BOOK GROUP

Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library are offering a series of four book group discussions focused on a wide range of parenting issues. The 3rd and 4th book group discussions will be on March 19th for *Season of Life* by Jeffrey Marx and on April 30th for *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult 7:30 to 9pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

WINCHESTER COOPERATIVE THEATER PRESENTS CINDERELLA!

Come relive the enchantment of the Cinderella story with Winchester Co-op Theatre. This classic fairytale comes to life with singing, dancing and a good dose of humor from 4th, 5th and 6th grade actors.

Friday March 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 21 @ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday March 22 @ 1:00 p.m.

Friday March 27 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 28 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Sunday March 29 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

McCall Middle School, 458 Main St. Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each); recommended for ages 3 and up. You may also purchase tickets directly from the actors in Cinderella who attend Lincoln! Feel free to contact the parents of any of the following children to buy tickets: Amanda Frate, Spencer Leuba, Lexie Masiello, Sarah McDonough, Elizabeth Murray, Carolyn Pine, and Brendan Pulsifer.

SPRING INTO SCIENCE!

NEW Topics for the Cool Science Club

Registration is now open for the spring session of the wildly popular Cool Science Club—an after-school program that provides fun, hands-on, experiment-driven projects in science. A Club Scientist will lead an exploration of a single topic for 10-15 students in a grade-grouping and will be assisted by a Young Scientist (from grades 8-12). This 5-week session includes MANY fun and NEW science topics. See the attached flyer for details. The Club starts on Monday, March 16, and will be held on each Monday through April 13 from 3:30-5:00pm at McCall Middle School. *LEGO is a 4-week program beginning one week later on Mon, March 23. Slots for the Club will be on a first-come, first-served basis! **Get your registration form TODAY:** paulagiancola@comcast.net. The fee per Club participant is \$95 (except for LEGO*, which is \$80). Scholarships are available. Lanie Higgins, the Science Coordinator at the McCall Middle School, is the Cool Science Club Director (781-729-7157, Lhiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us).

COLLEGE GATE

The College Gate & College Academy programs will return for their **4th summer in Winchester**. Held at **Winchester H.S.**, the programs provide a summer enrichment experience for kids in **Kindergarten through/including grade 8**. To obtain registration materials call Chris Harrington at 781-344-7331 or www.collegegate.org

SACHEM YOUTH SPRING 2009 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SIGNUPS

The snow is melting and the Red Sox are reporting to spring training in Florida. Baseball & softball season is not far away! Registration is now open for baseball (ages 6 – 15) and softball (1st – 8th grade) for the 2009 spring season. Registrations **must be completed by March 15, 2009** in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. Please visit the SYBS website (www.sybs.org) and click on

Registration. The entire process takes only a few minutes. Players who register after March 15, 2009 will be assigned to a team on a space available basis.

5th GRADE AND MIDDLE SCHOOL HOCKEY PLAYERS

Middle School Coach Mike Messuri is hosting a Hockey Meeting for inbound 5th graders and returning middle school players on Wednesday, March 4th, 7:00pm in the Winchester Library Meeting Room. For more info: wolfpackhockey@verizon.net.

WINCHESTER SCHOOLS SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS – NEW!

Winchester is piloting a new set of programs this summer! Winchester teachers submitted course proposals in subject areas they are passionate about. Their ideas are creative and inspiring. We hope that many children will share their interest and sign up this summer. A course catalog is attached, and a copy is available on the LSPA table across from the Lincoln library. Also, see attachment accompanying this newsletter. Contact Nancy Clark at nclark@winchester.k12.ma.us or 781/721-7001 with questions about registration, availability, and administration.

TUFTS SUMMER WORKSHOPS

This year Tufts will offer five summer LEGO Engineering Workshops:

Robotics and Art for Girls currently in grades 1-6 July 6-10: 9am-12pm Cost: \$250

Co-ed LEGO Robotics Inventors Workshop

For beginning and intermediate users
Students currently in grades 2-5

July 13-17, 2009: 9am-3pm Cost: \$500

Co-ed LEGO Robotics Inventors Workshop

For intermediate and advanced users

Students currently in grades 3-8

July 20-24, 2009: 9am-3pm Cost: \$500

LEGO Robotics for Early Elementary Students

All students currently in K-1st grade

July 6-8, 2009: 1pm-4pm - The Circus is Coming! OR

July 27-19, 2009: 9am-12pm - LEGO Zoo.

Cost per session: \$100

All workshops are held on Tufts' Medford campus. The workshops follow a hands-on format to allow students the maximum amount of time using the robotic LEGO bricks to work through a series of challenges. For more information and registration forms visit our website at:

http://www.ceeo.tufts.edu/Kid_Camps/kidcamps.html. Please contact Elissa Milto with questions, elissa.milto@tufts.edu.

WINCHESTER FIELD

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL GALA

The Frattaroli Family in honor and memory of their beloved son and brother Mark Frattaroli have graciously offered to host the Winchester Field Development Council's Kick Off Gala on March 8, 2009 at 6:30pm. The Gala will be held at Ristorante Lucia, located at 13 Mt. Vernon Street Winchester. The event will include an exquisite Italian meal and wine. The menu for the evening has been personally selected by Mr. Frattaroli with special focus toward a variety of Abruzzi specialties. The Gala will feature a live auction, highlighted by a week long stay at the Frattaroli's private villa in Sulmona, Italy. This beautifully renovated villa named Cuoco d'Oro sleeps up to 19 and will allow you and many close friends to relax and enjoy this historic region of Italy. To learn more about this auction item go to www.parkervillas.com/cuoco. Also up for auction will be a 2009 New England Patriot Fan Experience Package and a Boston Bruins Fan Experience Package. The Patriot Package includes 4 luxury box seats to a 2009 game, VIP parking pass and special field access for the pre-game action. The Bruins Package includes game tickets and a zamboni ride between periods. Tickets to this event are \$25.00 per person and may be purchased on the Winchester Field Developments website at www.WFDC.net or by contacting Ann McCarthy at 781-721-6660. Tickets are limited. All proceeds from this event will go toward the renovation project at Manchester Field. To learn more about this project go to www.wfdc.net

LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

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